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COMPETITIVENESS AND SIMPLIFICATION
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Michael Hicks

Panel: “How to succeed at tax simplification”

Biography

Michael J. Hicks, PhD is the director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and a professor of economics in the Miller College of Business at Ball State University. He came to Ball State following stints at the Air Force Institute of Technology's Graduate School of Engineering and Management and research centers at Marshall University and the University of Tennessee.

Hicks' research has focused on issues affecting local and state economics. His work on the effects of federal regulation of energy and mining industries has resulted in testimony in state and federal courts and the U.S. Senate. His work in modeling flood and hurricane damages has received a number of awards and been heavily reported. He is best known for his research on Wal-Mart's effect on local economies. He has authored one book on Wal-Mart and papers on the subject in the *Eastern Economics Journal*, *Atlantic Economics Journal*, *Economic Development Journal*, *Regional Economic Development*, *Journal of Private Enterprise*, and *Review of Regional Studies*.

He has appeared nationally on CSPAN, MSNBC, NPR's "All Things Considered" and Fox Business News. His weekly column on economics and current events is distributed through newspapers including the *Indianapolis Business Journal*, the *South Bend Tribune*, and *The Star Press*.

Hicks earned doctoral and master's degrees in economics from the University of Tennessee and a bachelor's degree in economics from Virginia Military Institute. He is a retired infantry lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, having served in combat and peacekeeping operations in North Africa, Southwest Asia, Korea and Japan.